DR. FUNK ON PSYCHICS A MASCULINE FAILING

Cites Ex-Governor Who Talked With Daughter's Spirit.

LENGTHY CONVERSATION KEPT UP

Expert on Spiritualism Tells Congre gational Ministers of Cases of Spirit Not Yet Recognized by Science. How a Safe Was Opened.

Dr. I. K. Funk, the investigator of tionalist ministers' meeting, said, "The he married. And there is none of his time has come to dismiss from our minds once and for all the thought that there is nothing in it." The paper contained instances of what purported to be spirit communication, including thrust upon him, but if he wants to one between a former governor of a achieve uncountries with a bound to the contained instances of the contained instances of what purported to be spirit communication, including thrust upon him, but if he wants to one between a former governor of a achieve uncountries with a bound to the contained in one between a former governor of a state, whose name was withheld, and his wife and their dead daughter, says

Dr. Funk cited these cases to show that there are psychic conditions and laws which science does not yet rec-

test of spirit photography he related the experience of a Dr. Veeder of Lyons, N. Y. Dr. Veeder, he said, had each of several persons of tested psychle power place one hand above and the other hand below a sensitized photographic plate and had all concer trate their thoughts on a sliver dollar When the plate was developed Dr. Veeder found the form of a silver dollar on the plate.

George L. Scabury of Brooklyn, Dr Funk said, went to a medium with a written note, sealed and in his pocket, containing two questions addressed to bis dead father. In a sennee the me-dium informed the audience that a spirit was present, gave the correct name of Mr. Scabury's father and answered the two questions.

Another case was that of Mrs. L.

widow of an army officer. When her husband died, it ran, he left important papers in a safe, but left no memoran-dum of the combination. She called in a safe expert who was a medium. He sat before the safe while she prayed earnestly in her own room, and the safe was opened. The man said his hand at all." een guided by the spirit of her dead husband, but Mrs. L., who is not a spiritualist, declared the safe had been opened by prayer.

Dr. Funk told of having communica tion with the same spirit through different mediums, but on each occasion, he said, the spirit has stoutly denied any previous communication. Profess or Hyslop, he said, got an intelligence which asserted it was that of his father, to give him privately a password, so that at subsequent sittings he might identify his father. Professor Hysiop was sure that he had obtained such an dentification through another medium

Coming to the case of the former gov-ernor, Dr. Funk said this man had written to him about his experience and had asked that his name be withheld, as he did not wish to set going "the funny man of the press," Six months after their daughter's death the former governor and his wife, who in-sist they are not spiritualists, heard of a medium who was visiting a neighbor-ing city and summoned her. Of where followed he wrote to Dr. Funk:

"It was 10 o'clock in the morning, and daylight was full in the room. The medium had with her what she called a trumpet and which was of considerable ength when jointed together. This was laid on the table with the large end to-ward my wife, who was told to put this end to her ear. The medium did not sit near the trumpet or table. In a few moments we heard a voice in the frumpet which sounded, to our amaze-ment, like the voice of our dead daugh-

er. It said it was our daughter.
"She told us the particulars of her eath, including some incidents which we felt sure no mortal knew but our selves. I watched the medium's lips closely. They did not seem to move in the slightness. I requested her to hold the slightest. I requested her to hold her lips kightly together. She offered to fill her mouth with water. This seemed to me cruelly suspicious and unnecessary, and I did not insist upon it. For a long time the conversation was kept up."

Dr. Funk said close cross examination of this statement had not shaken it "In the governor's case," he said, "what was said is not of so much lin-

portance, for a tricky medium may get hold of facts which will puzzle any of us if they are sprung upon us, especially in very mysterious, ghastly sur-roundings. The puzzling thing is that independent voice in what seemed to be strictly test conditions."

No Lobsters In Congress,

Reports of the Maine fishery commission show that the Pine Tree State heats all others in the production of lobsters. Notwithstanding this her delegation in each house of congress has been for thirty years far above the average.]

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Maine sells her lobsters, but
The Pine Tree State claims credit due,
Which all the world allows—
Bhe never sends her lobsters to
The sevate or the house.
—Brooklyn Eagle,

MAN'S TROUBLES WITH HOME ANNI-VERSARY DATES.

ity to Forget the Days Upon Wirich Important Events, Including Even His Wedding, Took Place.

It is one of the misfortunes of the iverage man that he cannot remember Communication to Indicate Laws anniversaries. He can remember with out difficulty the dates of his various board meetings, the price of stocks, the amount of money he loses at "bridge," the price of his wife's last bonnet but psychic plienomena, who recently read two-everything, in fact, except the a paper on "Spiritualism" to sixty day upon which he became engaged or members of the New York Congregative, worse still, the one upon which

> achieve unpopularity with a bound just let him forget the date of his wedding day and allow his wife to find it out.

> We know a man who is occasionally greeted upon his return from business by his wife dressed in her best gown, with a rose in her hair and a smile on her lips.

The man is always courteous, and so he greets his better half kindly, even while he asks in a tone of distant disapproval, "Are we going anywhere tonight, dear?"

"Going anywhere!" says that lady "No: don't you-ls it possible you don't remember what today is?"

The culprit makes a valiant effort to

recollect. He runs his fingers through his hair and assumes a thoughtful look. He knits his brows and bites his lips, and he is painfully aware all the time that his wife is growing more and more rigid and more and more sorry that she has assumed her best gown for an oc-

casion that is so little appreciated.
"I know it isn't our wedding anniversary," says the head of the house presently and pleasantly, "for we were married in the spring. I am sure we were, for you wore some sort of white thing. It was very pretty," he adds he adds hastily, immediately aware that the at mosphere has grown even cooler with his remarks.

"I were a gray going away gown," says his wife lelly, "and nothing white

"It isn't the anniversary of our engagement," goes on the blundering masculine, "for you told me last year that came some time in June.

His wife absently takes the flower out of her bair and crushes it.

"Tell me what it is," commands the man impatiently. "I'll never guess it by myself."

His wife leads the way into the li-brary with an air. "It's not of the slightest consequence of course," she says bitterly. "I was very foolish to remember it myself, but somehow I did. It has been four years today since I met you at Mrs. Blank's theater party, and you sat next to me during the performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' and said that so long as you lived you would never forget that night nor the privilege that had been yours on that

It would be a very hardened criminal who would not be bowled out by this naive recital, and the man in the case is properly contrite and writes the date down in his pocketbook so that he will have it for next year, but he never by any chance remembers it then, and about the same scene will be gone over

again.

The woman who cannot recollect that
Columbus discovered America in 1492 or that the civil war was begun in 1861 can remember without difficulty the day and date upon which she met her husband, the day he first brought her a bunch of violets, the first time he took her to the theater and the play they saw, the moment when he began to look upon her as something more than an attractive girl, the time be asked her to marry him, what he said, what she said, what hour of the day it was and what she had on. As for the wedding day, each detail of it is as plain to her half a century later as if It had been yesterday.

Then she gets raging mad because her beloved cannot follow her in her us of fancy.

Ouce there was a man who never re membered until he was reminded that the anniversary of his wedding day had rolled around again. He found that his misconduct greatly burt the feelings of his wife, and so one year he resolved to make a great mental effort and be the first to speak of the

He made the effort, he bought his wife a superb purse, and he had it marked with her initials in gold and then inside the flap was the date-Oct.

And was his wife pleased at this delicate compliment? Not she.

"It's lovely," she said, "but what is it

for? The date, I mean."
"For?" asked the man mildly. "Why, for our wedding day. Don't you re-member we were married on Oct. 8,

His wife smiled a sad, soft smile.

"It was very sweet of you, dear-very sweet," she murmured and her true was the more sorrowful than "but as It happens angry, "but as it happens we were married on Nov. 20. I don't know the date you have there at all."

e man was awfully embarrassed, and he never told his wife, for there were limits to her patience, that he finally recalled the fact that on Oct. 6. 1898, he had formed a business partnerwhich had ended disastrously .-Baltimore News

Of a mistaken philanthropist Jerrold said he was "so benevolent, so merciful, a man he would have held an um-brella ever a duck in a shower of rain." THE TOUCAN.

Queer South American Bird With an Extremely Large Bill.

A queer kind is the toucan. It seems have been made expressly to take charge of its huge banana shaped beak, which in some species is fully seven inches in length and more than two inches in width-entirely out of proportion to its comparatively small body. This beak is the most brillian possession of the toucan, being orange and black, searlet and yellow or green and red, according to the species of the bird.

Its home is in the wild South Ameri can woods, where, mingled with the screaming of parrots, macaws and oth er tropical birds, is heard its monoto nous cry, "Tucano, tucano?" from which its name is probably derived. It is a fruit eater, and, elimbing among the branches, it gathers its food with its long beak, whose strength no stem can resist.

The toucan nests in trees, and it is uncertain whether it excavates its bur-row or builds in a natural cavity. Nothing more comical can be imagined than the head of this creature, with its sparkling eyes and enormous, gayly colored beak, appearing from a hollow in the trunk of some forest monarch. It is said that the young birds are subbirds of prey and that when the parent bird is alarmed all she has to do is to poke her head out of the aperture leading to the nest. The assailant seeing so huge a bill, faucies an anima The assailant of corresponding size behind it and leaves without bowing or saying fare well.

Toucans are sociable birds and go in large flocks. They make common cause against their enemies, such as owis and falcons, which they surround and mob, as the rooks do in England. Hav-ing thus no need for protection, they are noisy and clamorous, like parrots and monkeys.

The plumage is generally black, but the throat is white, tinged with yellow and commonly edged beneath with red. The tall is nearly square or moderately rounded, with the upper feathers red and the lower scarlet. Alternations of the brighter colors are displayed in the feathers of the throat, the breast and the tall,

The bird is kept easily in confine ment. Some of its brilliant tints are very fleeting, and they often leave lit-tle or no trace after death, so that little idea of its beauty can be obtained from a stuffed specimen.

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